

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3, 13, 23 and 33 to 49 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 11, 21, 31 and 32 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:  
acquiring means for, in response to a request from an external device,  
acquiring a template for generation of print data corresponding to a display screen  
displayed at said external device, and data to be inserted in said template; and  
transmission control means for causing the template and data acquired by  
said acquiring means, to be sent to said external device,  
wherein information indicating a template absent at said external device out  
of said templates for generation of said print data is received from said external device and  
said transmission control means causes said template absent at said external device to be  
sent to said external device.

2. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein said template is combined with said data to generate distribution data and said  
transmission control means causes said distribution data to be sent to said external device.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising second transmission control means for causing information indicating said template for generation of said print data and update time information of the template to be sent to said external device.

5. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising second transmission control means for causing a program code for sending information indicating a template absent at said external device thereto, which is executed by said external device, to be sent to said external device.

6. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said display screen is a page screen displayed on a Web browser and the request from said external device is transferred through communication between the Web browser of said external device and a Web server of said information processing apparatus.

7. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising determining means for analyzing said request to determine a transmission mode, either a mode of sending all said templates for generation of said print data to said external device or a mode of sending only a template absent at said external device to said external device.

8. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising determining means for determining a transmission mode, either a mode of transmitting said template and said data to said external device or a mode of generating said print data and sending said print data to said external device.

9. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising enciphering means for enciphering said template and said data, wherein said transmission control means causes information indicating an enciphering method used in said enciphering means, to be sent to said external device.

10. (Original) The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising compressing means for compressing said template and said data, wherein said transmission control means causes information indicating a compression method used in said compressing means, to be sent to said external device.

11. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:  
an acquiring step of, in response to a request from an external device,  
acquiring a template for generation of print data corresponding to a display screen  
displayed at said external device, and data to be inserted in said template; and  
a transmission control step of causing the template and data acquired by said  
acquiring step, to be sent to said external device,

wherein information indicating a template absent at said external device out of said templates for generation of said print data is received from said external device and said transmission control step causes said template absent at said external device to be sent to said external device.

12. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, wherein said template is combined with said data to generate distribution data and said transmission control step causes said distribution data to be sent to said external device.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising a second transmission control step of causing information indicating said template for generation of said print data and update time information of the template to be sent to said external device.

15. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising a second transmission control step of causing a program code for sending information indicating a template absent at said external device thereto, which is executed by said external device, to be sent to said external device.

16. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, wherein said display screen is a page screen displayed on a Web browser and the request from said external device is transferred through communication between the Web browser of said external device and a Web server.

17. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising a determination step of analyzing said request to determine a transmission mode, either a mode of sending all said templates for generation of said print data to said external device or a mode of sending only a template absent at said external device to said external device.

18. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising a determination step of determining a transmission mode, either a mode of transmitting said template and said data to said external device or a mode of generating said print data and sending said print data to said external device.

19. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising an enciphering step of enciphering said template and said data, wherein said transmission control step causes information indicating an enciphering method used in said enciphering step, to be sent to said external device.

20. (Original) The information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising a compression step of compressing said template and said data, wherein said transmission control step causes information indicating a compression method used in said compression step, to be sent to said external device.

21. (Currently amended) An information processing program to make a computer execute the following steps:

an acquiring step of, in response to a request from an external device, acquiring a template for generation of print data corresponding to a display screen displayed at said external device, and data to be inserted in said template; and

a transmission control step of causing the template and data acquired by said acquiring step, to be sent to said external device,

wherein information indicating a template absent at said external device out of said templates for generation of said print data is received from said external device and said transmission control step causes said template absent at said external device to be sent to said external device.

22. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21, wherein said template is combined with said data to generate distribution data and said transmission control step causes said distribution data to be sent to said external device.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21 to make the computer execute a second transmission control step of causing information indicating said template for generation of said print data and update time information of the template to be sent to said external device.

25. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21 to make the computer execute a second transmission control step of causing a program code for sending information indicating a template absent at said external device thereto, which is executed by said external device, to be sent to said external device.

26. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21, wherein said display screen is a page screen displayed on a Web browser and the request from said external device is transferred through communication between the Web browser of said external device and a Web server.

27. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21 to make the computer execute a determination step of analyzing said request to determine a transmission mode, either a mode of sending all said templates for generation of said print data to said external device or a mode of sending only a template absent at said external device to said external device.

28. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21 to make the computer execute a determination step of determining a transmission mode, either a mode of transmitting said template and said data to said external device or a mode of generating said print data and sending said print data to said external device.

29. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21 to make the computer execute an enciphering step of enciphering said template and said data, wherein said transmission control step causes information indicating an enciphering method used in said enciphering step, to be sent to said external device.

30. (Original) The information processing program according to Claim 21 to make the computer execute a compression step of compressing said template and said data, wherein said transmission control step causes information indicating a compression method used in said compression step, to be sent to said external device.

31. (Currently amended) A computer-readable memory storing an information processing program to make a computer execute the following steps:

an acquiring step of, in response to a request from an external device, acquiring a template for generation of print data corresponding to a display screen displayed at said external device, and data to be inserted in said template; and

a transmission control step of causing the template and data acquired by said acquiring step, to be sent to said external device,

wherein information indicating a template absent at said external device out of said templates for generation of said print data is received from said external device and said transmission control step causes said template absent at said external device to be sent to said external device.

32. (Currently amended) A print system comprising a server and a client,  
wherein said server comprises:

acquiring means for, in response to a request from the client,  
acquiring a template for generation of print data corresponding to a display screen  
displayed at said client, and data to be inserted in said template; and

transmission control means for causing the template and data  
acquired by said acquiring means, to be sent to said client,

wherein said client comprises:

generating means for generating said print data at said client, based  
on the template and data sent by said transmission control means, and

wherein information indicating a template absent at said external device out of said templates for generation of said print data is received from said external device and said transmission control means causes said template absent at said external device to be sent to said external device.

33. to 49. (Canceled)